

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics

**INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE FOR THE FEDERAL PROGRAM**  
**TSCA SECTIONS 402/403**

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**Q/A(6) Basic Approach; Using State Certification; Expiration Dates**

**“Certification”**

**“Fees”**

***745.226(a) Certification of individuals. (1) Individuals seeking certification by EPA to engage in lead-based paint activities must either:***

***(i) Submit to EPA an application demonstrating that they meet the requirements established in paragraphs (b) or (c) of this section for the particular discipline for which certification is sought; or***

***(ii) Submit to EPA an application with a copy of a valid lead-based paint activities certification (or equivalent) from a State or Tribal program that has been authorized by EPA pursuant to subpart Q of this part.***

***745.226(e) Re-certification. (1) To maintain certification in a particular discipline, a certified individual shall apply to and be re-certified by EPA in that discipline by EPA either:***

***(i) Every 3 years if the individual completed a training course with a course test and hands-on assessment; or***

***(ii) every 5 years if the individual completed a training course with a proficiency test.***

***745.238(c) Fee amounts—(1) Certification and accreditation fees.***

***Initial and renewal certification fees are specified in the following table [fee levels for disciplines based on 3 or 5 year period].***

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**Q1: May individuals seek certification from EPA by submitting just course completion certificates from courses accredited only by authorized States or Tribes?**

**A1:** No. Individuals seeking EPA certification under the provisions of 745.226(a)(1)(i) must take EPA-accredited courses. Individuals seeking EPA certification under the provisions of 745.226(a)(1)(ii) may take courses accredited by authorized States or Tribes. However, they must also complete their certification in the authorized State or Tribe and submit a valid lead-based paint activities certification from the authorized State or Tribe when applying for EPA certification.

**Q2: When individuals apply for certification in the Federal program under 745.226(a)(1)(i), how long will the certification last?**

**A2:** For individuals who have taken courses which included a course test and a hands-on skills assessment, the full certification period for individuals applying under 745.226(a)(1)(i) will run for 3 years from the date of issuance of certification by EPA.

For individuals who have taken courses which included a proficiency test instead of the course test and hands-on skills assessment, the full certification period would run for 5 years from the date of issuance of certification by EPA.

**Q3: When individuals apply for certification in the Federal program under the provisions of 745.226(a)(1)(ii) by submitting a valid certification from an authorized State or Tribe, how long will the certification last?**

**A3:** The full certification period for individuals applying under the provisions of 745.226(a)(1)(ii) will be 3 years from the date of issuance of certification by EPA.